

REMARKS

Claim 19 has been amended and claim 22 has been canceled. As such, claims 6-12, 15, 17-21, 23-27 and 30-35 are currently pending in the case. Further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Claims 6-12, 15, 17, 18, 26, 27, and 30-35 were allowed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of these claims and eagerly awaits formal allowance of the remaining claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20 and 22-25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant sincerely appreciates the Examiner's recognition of the patentable subject matter recited in these claims. To expedite prosecution, claim 22 has been canceled and its limitations have been incorporated into base claim 19. Therefore, Applicants believe claim 19 and claims dependent therefrom are condition for allowance. Accordingly, removal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0052124 to Raaijmakers et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,319,775 to Halliyal et al. and U.S. Patent 6,511,876 to Buchanan et al. As noted above, independent claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the allowable limitations of claim 22. Thus, claim 19 and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

This response constitutes a complete response to the issues raised in the Office Action mailed June 3, 2005. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants believe pending claims 6-12, 15, 17-21, 23-27, and 30-35 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Daffer McDaniel LLP Deposit Account No. 50-3268/5298-08000.

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